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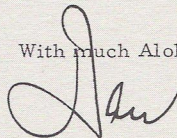
Dear Jack:

This picture of you, sad and forlorn and seemingly rejected by a cruel world, was taken on 21 August 1959 at 12:00 o'clock noon (EST) in Room 425, Old House Office Building, United States Congress. At that precise moment, President Eisenhower, before a battery of TV and news cameramen, was in the process of affixing his signature to a precious document making our beloved Hawaii the 50th State of the Union. Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and I were privileged to witness this event; however, we were thoroughly dismayed by your absence. We were angered when we were advised that you were not invited -- not by any unintentional oversight but by design. As you know, Speaker Rayburn made his distress known to the President.

This day should have been your moment of glory and greatness -- a moment which in a large measure was made possible because of your diligent, effective and unselfish service as Hawaii's last Delegate to Congress. But certain cruel political hands closed the doors to the White House and denied you this justly deserved reward.

On November 6, 1962, after three long years, the grateful People of Hawaii finally rectified this gross injustice. I am happy I was privileged to play a small role in restoring political justice.

With much Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUE
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